## **Boon language**

**Boon** or **Af-Boon** is a <u>nearly extinct</u> <u>Cushitic language</u> spoken by 59 people (as of 2000) in <u>Jilib District</u>, <u>Middle Jubba Region</u>, <u>Somalia</u>. In recent decades they have shifted to the <u>Maay</u> dialect of Jilib. All speakers are older than 60.

*Ethnologue* and *Glottolog* leave it unclassified within Eastern Cushitic. [1][2] Blench (2006) leaves it as unclassified within *Cushitic*, as records are too fragmentary to allow more than that. [3]

## **Notes**

- 1. Boon (https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/bnl/) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
- 2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Boon" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/boon1242). Glottolog 3.0. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
- 3. Classification of Afroasiatic (http://rogerblench.info/Langua ge/Afroasiatic/General/AALIST.pdf), ms.

Boon	
Native to	Somalia
Region	Jilib District, Middle Jubba Region
Native speakers	60 (2000) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Afro-Asiatic
	<ul><li>Cushitic</li></ul>
	Lowland East?
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Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bnl
Glottolog	boon1242 (htt
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## References

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